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NRC ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION FOR EARLY SITE PERMIT AT NORTH ANNA NUCLEAR PLANT LOCATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is announcing the availability of an application from Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC, for an early site permit for the North Anna nuclear power plant site, near Mineral, Virginia. Virginia Electric & Power Co., a subsidiary of Dominion Energy, Inc., currently operates two nuclear reactors at the site.

In April the NRC held two public meetings in Mineral to discuss the early site permit review process. If an early site permit were granted, it would allow the site to be used for one or more new nuclear reactors. The NRC's early site review permit process allows resolution of issues relating to a site before a company decides whether to file an application for permission to actually build and operate a nuclear power plant at that location. The NRC's formal review will address site safety, environmental protection, and emergency planning issues. If the agency approves the early site permit request, Dominion could reference the permit at any time for up to 20 years in an application with the NRC for approval to begin construction of one or more new reactors.

The North Anna early site permit application is available electronically at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html> -- enter ML032731517 as the search term. A copy of the application is also available for public review at the NRC Public Document Room, located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland; telephone: 800/397-4209 or 301/415-4737.

Local residents may view the application at the Louisa County Library, near Mineral.

The NRC staff is currently conducting an initial review of the application to determine whether it contains enough information for the staff to perform a comprehensive technical review. If the application has sufficient information, the NRC will formally "docket," or file, the application and will announce an opportunity for affected persons to participate in the required hearing.

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